

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 9, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Thursday, June 13, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 569
In Adam We Have All Been One

Divine Service Setting Four

Lutheran Service Book pg. 203

The Introit

Psalm 28:7-9; antiphon v. 6

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For He has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to Him.

The LORD is the strength of His | people;*

He is the saving refuge of His a- | nointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your | heritage!*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

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Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—

³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

LSB 668

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

The Sermon

“What is the Will of God”

Text:

Mark 3:20-35

Prayer of the Church

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Nunc Dimittis

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Announcements

Closing Hymn

LSB 561

The Tree of Life

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	5/30/24	6:30 p.m.	25
Sunday	6/2/24	9:00 a.m.	133

FLOWERS are given by the Lemberger family in memory of William Lemberger.

WE PRAY for Joe Ananias (nephew of Lori Bolger), Adriana Besaw (sister-in-law of Amos Besaw), Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Melissa Brunner (daughter of Estes Grober and niece of the Gerloffs), Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Kevin Coerper, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Michelle Johnson, Patricia Kattner (aunt of Amanda McGraw, sister of Pam Coerper), Marilyn Kolter, May Lindenberg, Barbara Linder, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Laurelle Rendon (cousin of Linda Goetz), Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Sherri Syta, and Glen and Jeff Wolffersdorff (brothers of Donna Metzfeld).

***NEW* PRAYER LIST** Beginning in June, there will be a change in how the prayer list is managed. Names will be on the list for one month. At the end of the month, names will be removed if no change or updates are received by the church office.

PRAYER OF COMFORT for the family of Judith Joyce Hanson, who passed away on Saturday, June 1. The visitation will be Friday, June 7, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Our Father’s Lutheran Church, with the funeral service to follow at 6:30 p.m. Internment will be at Forest Home Cemetery on Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

PRAYER OF COMFORT for the family of Delrose Christina Krueger, who passed away on Saturday, June 1. There will be a graveside service at Wood National Cemetery on a date yet to be determined. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

PRAYER OF COMFORT for the Goetz family, whose cousin Laurelle Rendon passed away on Wednesday, June 4. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

OUR FATHER’S SENIOR LUNCHEON You are invited to the next luncheon on Thursday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m. It will be at Benny’s Café located at 5354 South 27th Street, Milwaukee. No need to RSVP. Just show up! If you have any questions, contact Jan Wicks at (414) 719-9868.

SINGERS NEEDED for Summer Choir. We sing next on Sunday, June 16. Rehearsal at 7:45 a.m. in the balcony. All are welcome to join. Questions - please ask Stephen Johnson (sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org)

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held in the church on Sunday, June 23 after the church service. At this time, the Board of Directors will present to the congregation a budget for discussion and approval. Please plan to attend.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for the church and school will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting **June 3**.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK As was announced last Sunday, we reached our Walkathon goal of \$20,000. Thank you for your generosity! We look forward to using those funds for the Childcare windows and a new school sign on Honey Creek. Reaching that goal also meant that the students could participate in some extra fun on the last day of school. To see how much fun they had, please check out the "silly string" pictures in the June edition of the Revelation. Thank you for always remembering us in your prayers.

A HUGE THANK YOU to those who have contributed towards the Congolese mission this past school year. The food was greatly appreciated by the children, and the money went towards transportation and other needed items.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on **Sunday, July 28, 2024** for a Ministry Anniversary Recognition at the 9:00 am worship service. Rev. Mark Nuckols observes his 35 years of service in the ministry on June 25, and Rev. Karl Fabrizio observes his 40 years of service in the ministry on July 15. A reception with lunch will follow the worship service in the school gym to thank our faithful Shepherds for their years of leadership to our congregation and others. The Fellowship Committee will be looking for volunteers to help at the reception. A sign-up sheet will be coming out soon. We have received some Thrivent funds to support this fellowship event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact LeAnn Lagerman (414)333-7994 or Linda Hojnacki (414)427-5949 and leave a message. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	6/9	DIVINE SERVICE	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	6/12	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	6/13	OF Senior Luncheon DIVINE SERVICE	11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	6/16	Choir Rehearsal DIVINE SERVICE	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“What is the Will of God?”
June 9 through June 15, 2024

How might this devotional be used with children as they grow older? By the time children reach first grade they have learned to sit still and their attention span has increased. Then, you may add the psalm and psalmody prayer to your regular pattern. As they begin to read, let them read some of the Scripture readings at times. Encourage them to write their own prayers and say them with you. When they begin to read it is also easier to begin using the hymn of the week. Take time to explain words they may not know, but don't feel you have to define every word unless they ask. Memorize Luther's morning and evening prayer so that you may use them as a family. After the devotion is over, learn to quiz your children. Ask them if they have heard the Bible story before in church, Sunday school, or school. See if they can tell the story to you. All this will plant the story deeper in their memory. References to water and meals should always be pointed out as links to the sacraments of the Church. If there are some things you have questions about, always feel free to ask your pastors.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
AMEN

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 81:1-10

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, grant that I listen to Your voice for You have always heard my cries for help and delivered me just as You delivered Israel from Egypt. Open my eyes to see Your deliverance and my mouth that You might fill it. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Acts 1:1-14
Tuesday	Acts 1:12-26
Wednesday	Acts 2:1-13
Thursday	Acts 2:14-21
Friday	Acts 2:22-36
Saturday	Mark 3:20-35

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that in all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Sermons on 1 Peter 4:1-3: Now we have stated often enough that although we are righteous through faith and have the Lord Christ as our own, we are nonetheless also obliged to perform good works and to serve our neighbor. For we never become perfectly pure while we are living on earth, and everyone still finds evil lust in his body. To be sure, faith begins to slay sin and to bestow heaven; but it has not yet become perfect and really strong, as Christ says about the Samaritan (Luke 10:33 ff.), whose wounds were not yet healed. But he was bandaged and looked after, in order that his wounds might be healed. This is also how it is here. If we believe, our sin, that is, the wound we have brought from Adam, is bandaged and begins to heal. But in one person this healing is less, and in another person it is more, the more each one chastises and subdues the flesh, and the more firmly he believes. Therefore, if we have these two things, faith and love, we should henceforth devote ourselves to sweeping out sin entirely until we die completely. For this reason St. Peter says: “Arm yourselves with the same thought”; that is, make a firm resolution, and strengthen your hearts with the thought you receive from Christ. For if we are Christians, we have to say: “My Lord suffered for me and shed His blood. He died for my sake. Should I, then, be so worthless as not to be willing to suffer?” For since the Lord steps to the front in the fray, how much more should His servants rejoice to step forward! In this way, we gain courage to prevail and to arm ourselves in our thoughts, in order that we may go through with joy.

In Scripture, the little word “flesh” means not only the body externally, where there is flesh and blood, bone and skin, but everything that comes from Adam. ... Therefore, one must understand this to mean that man, together with his reason and will, internally and externally, together with body and soul, is called flesh because with all his powers, externally and internally, he sees only that which is carnal and which benefits the flesh. Accordingly, St. Peter now adds here that “Christ suffered in the flesh.” Now it is certain that His suffering extended farther than into the flesh alone; for, as the prophet Isaiah says (53:11), His soul suffered the great travail. In this way, you must also understand what follows here: “Whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.” For this, too, refers not only to cutting off someone’s head and to dismembering the body but to everything that can hurt man, to whatever misery and distress he suffers. For many people have sound bodies, and yet inwardly they feel much heartache and wretchedness. If this happens for Christ’s sake, it is profitable and good. For, as Saint Peter says, “whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.” The holy cross is a good means with which to subdue sin. When it attacks you in this way, your tickling, envy, and hatred, and your other rascality, vanish. God has laid the holy cross on us in order that it may drive and compel us, so that we have to believe and to extend a helping hand to one another. (*LW* 30:118-119, Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 906 “O Day of Rest and Gladness” (stanza 1)*

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“By the Hand of God”
June 16, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 834, 500, 577, 784, 642, 652

READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:1-17
Mark 4:26-34

This week's Gospel is a very important lesson about how the Church grows. The growth of the Church is in no way the work of man. The seed of the Word of God is simply scattered throughout the world by His pastors. The pastor cannot explain why the seed grows up and has nothing to do with it coming up. The seed does not grow because of the other plants, that is, the members of the Church. It is not because of friendliness, comfort, activities, cute liturgies or songs that the Church grows. Only through the seed sown, that is, the Word preached, the visible Word of the sacraments, the Word faithfully proclaimed through the historic liturgy of the Church, the catechesis of the historic Church which has been repeated through the centuries, does the Holy Spirit bring in the harvest. This is the house not made with hands that the Holy Spirit builds. The reading from Ezekiel speaks of this mystery in another way. The Church is the remnant of faithful Israel which has been replanted by God and grown into a great tree. She provides refuge for all kinds of birds, that is, She offers salvation for all those who in faith desire to dwell in the heavens with God. It is God alone who brought down ancient Israel and exalted the Church. God alone can make the dry tree flourish.

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